REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 have been amended, Claim 5 has been canceled, and Claim 11 has been added. Claims 1-4 and 6-11 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith, together with authorization to charge the required fee to Applicants' Deposit Account.

The specification and Claims 2, 7 and 10 are objected to for informalities. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Jensen in view of Shamoon. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Jensen in view of Shamoon, and further in view of Williamson. These objections and rejections are overcome for at least the following exemplary reasons.

The foregoing specification amendments are believed to overcome the objections to the specification. The informalities noted in Claims 2, 7 and 10 have been removed.

Claims 1-4 as presented above are drawn to a method of producing a packet group for use in a trace stream. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections are therefore believed overcome.

Turning now to the prior art rejections, Claims 1-4 recite that "*a field in the at least one header packet indicates a number of packet subgroups provided in the packet group*". (Claims 6-11 contain similar language.) This exemplary feature has not been found in the
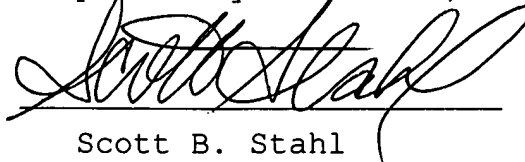
applied references. The Office Action alleges that this feature is found at lines 53-61 of Shamoon column 4. This allegation is respectfully traversed.

The passage at lines 53-61 of Shamoon column 4 discloses the use of *"a header which identifies a particular stream and specifies the number of following packets which are part of that stream."* This passage, on its face, clearly fails to teach Applicants' above-quoted claim feature. The Shamoon header indicates a number of packets, but does not indicate a number of packet subgroups, which Applicants' claims require.

Moreover, the cited passage from Shamoon states that the header is provided because *"packets need to be identified as belonging to a particular stream."* However, the primary reference, Jensen, already has a means for identifying frame fragments of a particular stream, namely the channel number CN, which is *"used to differentiate multiple payload data flows"* (Jensen paragraph 0029). It is therefore submitted that, in any event, Jensen has no need of Shamoon's header, and there is no motivation to modify Jensen to incorporate Shamoon's header.

Applicants submit in view of the foregoing that all pending objections and rejections are overcome. Further and favorable consideration is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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